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News for a campus community

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UPAC to start new off-campus events for cheap

**By Courtney Zinter
Winonan**

Beginning next week, Winona State University's University Programming Activities Committee will offer students new events called "UPAC Three Dollar Nights" around Winona by working with local businesses.

Next Saturday, the Winona

7 movie theater will hold a \$3 movie night where they open all the theaters for a special showing for Winona State students after the final regular showing of the night.

Events will continue Friday, Nov. 21, when there will be a \$3 bowling night at Westgate Bowl from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost students pay will cover shoe rental, three games

of bowling and unlimited pop for \$3.

After spending weeks planning and meeting with local businesses, Mallory Sanzeri, chair of the UPAC special events committee, said they want to give students more to do around Winona and see businesses as a source for events.

"This keeps people in

Winona but also off campus," Sanzeri said. "We just see local businesses as a good resource for something to do other than on our campus and they are very willing to work with us."

Rachel Czech, director of UPAC, said they hope to continue the program events if the November events are successful and will try to work with more businesses in the

future.

"We want to increase our weekend programming, and partnering with the community is turning out to be a really good joint venture," Czech said. "We'll see how the movie theater and bowling go and try to increase it from there; if it turns out to be a big success we're going to branch out and

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Photo by Katherine Chickey/Winonan

Mike Majerowicz shows where the band and disc jockey will be set up at the Myst Nightclub on Nov. 14. Majerowicz has been an organizer and supporter of the student-run club.

Myst Nightclub opens Nov. 14

**By Tim Brennan
Winonan**

After months of preparation, college students waiting for a new place to hang out, dance and listen to music needn't wait any longer.

On Nov. 14, Myst Nightclub will be opening in the city of Winona for the use of college students.

After a discussion with the mayor of Winona about alternative activities to alcohol consumption and a successful online petition, a decision has been made to add a nightclub to the city of Winona.

"We want to create an alternative form of entertainment to help curb the

dangers of drinking," Mike Majerowicz, one of the leading organizers of the club, said.

The grand opening of Myst Nightclub will begin at 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, and will end at 1:30 a.m. Only college students with both a student I.D. and driver's license will be allowed into the club.

The Winona Transit will have direct routes to and from Winona State, Southeast Technical, and St. Mary's University.

The three colleges formed an intercampus coalition which has made the emergence of this club possible.

The first night will be free

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New grading system in
the works

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Proposed grading system earns an A+

By Stephanie Trask
Winonan

After a lengthy debate Wednesday afternoon, the Winona State University Student Senate passed a motion to use the plus and minus grading system.

The grading system would change a student's GPA according to the grade they received. For example, if a student receives a B+, their GPA would become 3.33 instead of 3.0.

Several other schools in the Minnesota Colleges and Universities system have adopted the grading system, including Minnesota State

Universities- Mankato and Moorhead.

Winona State, which is based on a letter grade system, wouldn't take the plus and minus grading system into effect until the motion has been passed through the faculty senate and from there through the administration.

If the administration passes the motion, the grading system could take effect next school year, 2009-2010.

The motion came up last semester but was pushed aside. Student Senator Josh Martin proposed the motion of the plus and minus grading system this

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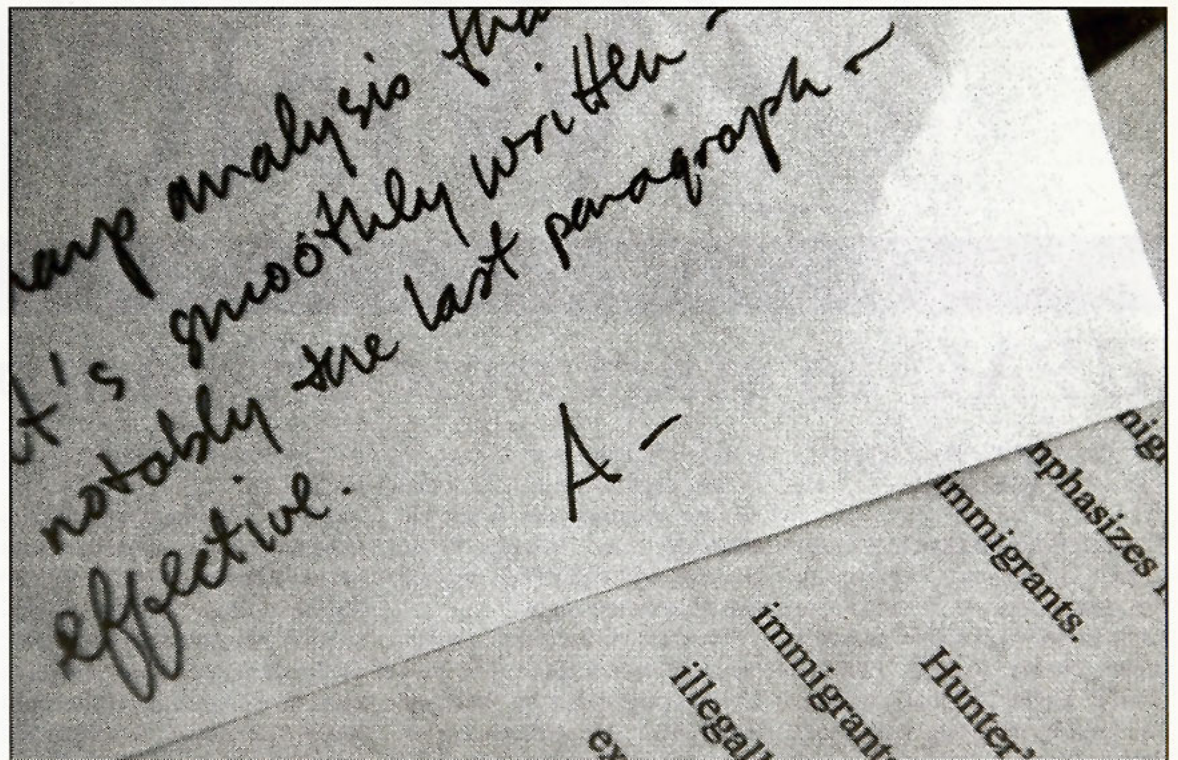


Photo Illustration by Katherine Chickey/Winonan
A student survey last spring said that a majority of students wanted a plus and minus grading system.

Campus security takes new measures to keep halls safe

By Amanda Rehrauer
Winonan

Those wanting access to Sheehan Hall this year need to make sure they either live there or know someone who does.

Last year, Sheehan was locked to non-residents between the hours of 11 p.m. and 8 a.m. Now, similar to the East Lake Apartments, the all-female residence hall requires students to swipe their student I.D. cards to be granted access to the building at any time of day.

"Safety has always been an issue in the residence halls and this is something that has been considered for some time. It's just another step to ensure the safety of the residents," Security director Don Walski said.

Walski said that students

moving to Sheehan with an I.D. from last semester or before will need to acquire a new I.D. programmed to gain entry into the system.

The new cards have a magnetic strip on the back which allows students access. Walski said that it is a "very quick process to authorize users into the system."

Freshmen who want to move into Sheehan at the end of fall semester will also need to go through the authorization process, but will not need to get a new I.D.

Non-residents who do not know anyone living in Sheehan can enter the building at the discretion of Security personnel, Walski said.

"Security monitors those coming into the building and ensures that only those authorized to come in do so,"

he said.

Visitors who do not have I.D. cards, such as delivery persons, can contact Security by intercom systems located at both entrances.

"This allows them to speak with Security and Security personnel can then allow them access," Walski said.

Roxie Abler, a sophomore student spending her third semester

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see where we can go with it."

Sanzeri added that the first events will help the committee decide what works and what needs to be improved for future events. Both Sanzeri and Czech said they would like to continue the events throughout the year.

Some students said UPAC weekend events would be good because many people can't attend UPAC events due to commitments during the week.

Jill Thompson, a senior at Winona State, said she'd like

to attend events, but has class most nights.

"I've only been able to attend one UPAC event and that was a Twins game," Thompson said. "The other events sound like a lot of fun but are always during the week when I have night class, so I can't go to them."

Thompson also said she thinks the new events will be successful because college students are looking for new, inexpensive events to attend.

"I think it's a great idea to

host these events," Thompson said. "Anything fun and cheap will definitely attract college students."

The events are limited to Winona State students and require a student ID. Czech said students should sign up with UPAC for the bowling night to get a spot or it is first come- first serve at the door.

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MYST

of charge to everyone, but admission will be charged in the future. Winona State University and local donations have funded the operation of the club.

Disc jockeys providing the entertainment on opening night include DJ Sammix from Chicago and Ben Michaels from Minneapolis. An acoustic performance by alumnus Dan Glenn will also be featured. Club organizers are contacting several nationally acclaimed disc jockeys to perform in the future as well.

The club is at 256 East Third Street, which was formerly known as the American Legion building and will be presently

known as Tigers. The inside plans for the dance club are not yet official, but will likely consist of several dance stages with cages and poles, as well as an area to sit and relax.

The organizers plan to include multiple rooms with a wide variety of music in each room. Several volunteer students are working on the organization and construction of the club.

"We want the club to be run by students for students," Majerowicz said.

Although the club will be run by college students, the building owner will provide security as well as refreshment stands. The refreshment stands will be strictly non-alcoholic

and any student who appears to be inebriated will not be allowed inside the club.

Club organizers agreed to keep the club non-alcoholic for several safety reasons.

Currently an official student group known as the Myst Nightclub has been created at Winona State to help organize events for the club.

The club coordinators are hoping to expand the club into an intercollegiate organization so that other colleges can assist with future club events.

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One student's abandoned bike is another student's purple ride

By Kaarina Alfors
Winonan

Considering that gas prices in Winona are still high and the expenses to maintain a car are not cheap, it is no wonder that the Environmental Club and Student Senate are currently creating a bike program that will provide bicycles to Winona State University students.

The student organizations

hope that the program will help students become more aware about the environmental benefits of choosing biking over driving.

Many of the unclaimed bikes that have been abandoned on Winona State's campus have been confiscated and placed in storage.

In order to make the bike program a success, many will be taken to a local bike shop to


be fixed and painted purple.

Zach Wormwood, a member of Winona State's Environmental Club said the Kolter Bicycle and Fitness Inc. bike shop, which also helped with the Environmental Club's Bike Week, is the top candidate to help fix the abandoned bikes.

Prices have not been made

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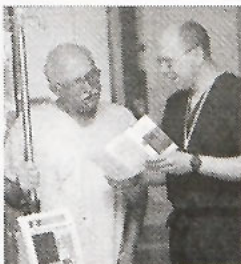

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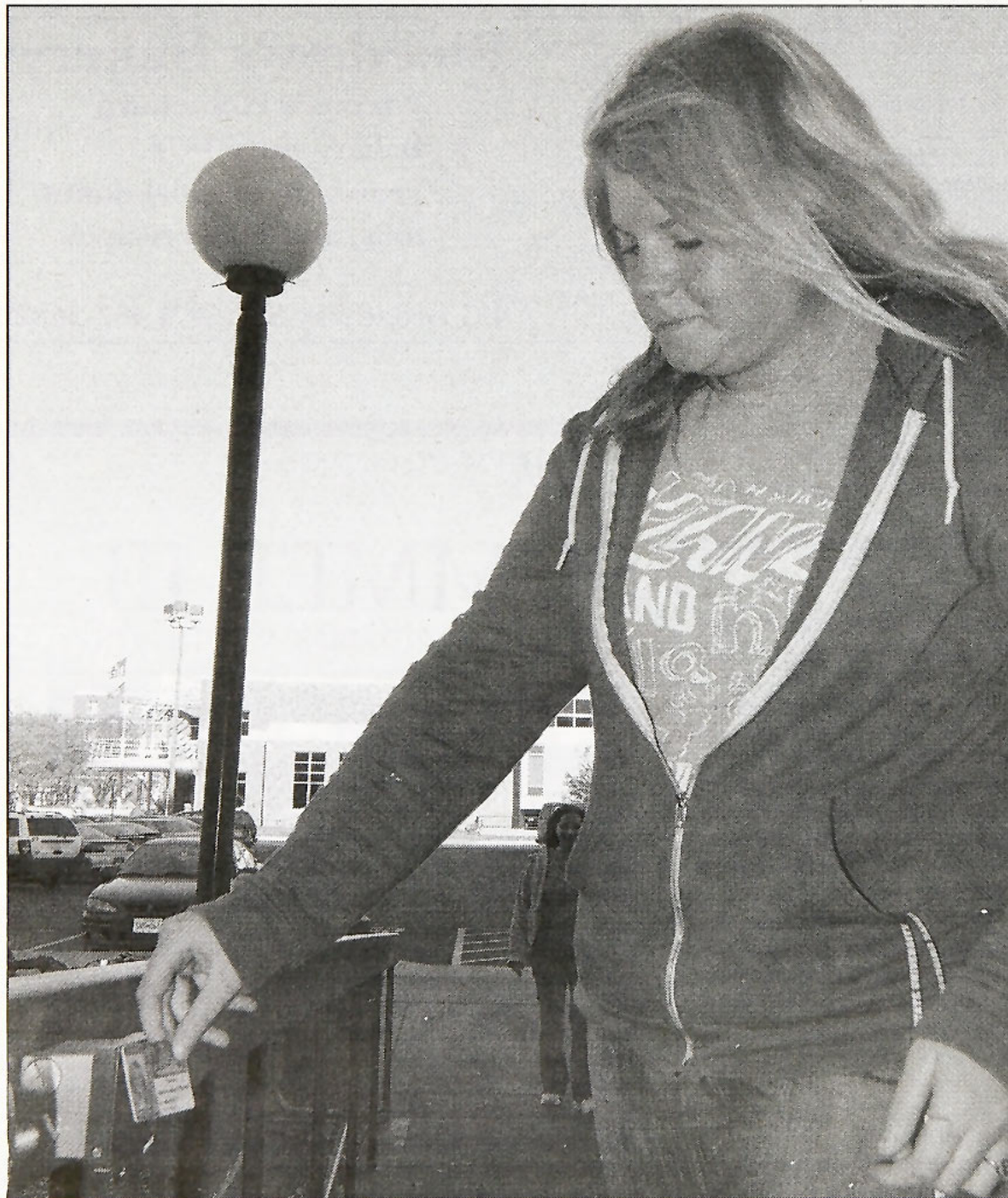


Photo by Nick Furlong/Winonan
Alex Werner, a freshmen at Winona State University, swipes her Winona State ID card Monday afternoon to unlock the doors of Sheehan Hall.

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in Sheehan, said that although she never noticed any problems with security last year, she does feel safer.

"I never had to worry about an intruder during the nighttime hours before this, but theoretically, anyone could have come in during the times when the doors were normally unlocked," she said. "This way,

we know that whoever is in the building is either a resident or someone who knows a resident."

Abler also said that although it is a change from last year, she appreciates the extra step security is taking in ensuring student safety.

"It can be a small hassle, like when we invite a friend over

and have to go let them in, but for what we gain, I think it's worth it," she said.

Walski said security plans to implement this system in all residence halls throughout campus.

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'Horrible Harry' at SMU

St. Mary's University will present "Horrible Harry" by the Omaha Theater Company at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, at Page Theater at SMU.

This theatrical production of author Suzy Kline's popular children's books was adapted for the stage by Omaha Theater Company's artistic director James Larson.

Omaha Theater Company's national tour is sponsored by Children's Hospital. Local sponsors include HBC and Winona Radio.

Tickets cost \$10, \$5 for students and seniors, and are available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at the SMU Box Office. For tickets, call 507-457-1715 or go online at www.pagetheatre.org.

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Zach Wormwood, a member of Winona State University's Environmental Club, said Thursday that the bike program will be helpful to students who can't afford cars.

BIKE

official as of yet, Student Senate's Chris Brignull said.

"Winona State is planning on giving the Kolter bike shop an undisclosed fixed amount for bike tune-ups and painting," Brignull said.

The current plan is to fix up the bikes by Spring 2009, and charge a \$20 fee to rent.

Other schools that have tried this transportation method have had positive experiences. Colleges such as the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse currently have a bike program that lends bikes to students for \$20.00. Under this bike program, the students actually own the bikes until they are returned to the school, after which students will receive a \$10.00 deposit back.

"A lot of the exchange students don't have modes of transportation," Wormwood said. "For the students who can't afford cars, they now have a less expensive and more efficient way of getting around."

Aware that the cold weather

may discourage students from riding their bikes to school, Environmental Club is organizing another Bike Day on the Winona State campus.

Bike tune-ups will be offered from 10:30 am to 2:00 p.m. on Nov. 13. in the university courtyard, as well as hot chocolate. Cold weather riding tips will also be available.

"We need to see more student activity," Wormwood said. "When more people make this an issue, it will be noticed. People need to take more initiative."

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semester.

Justin Hiniker, academic affairs chair on the Senate, said that based on a student survey last spring, the majority of the students wanted a plus and minus grading system.

He also said that they would use the same model that Moorhead and Mankato are using to keep with the same trends in higher education.

"The work here at WSU isn't always so easy," Hiniker said. "Those who are hard-working deserve that kind of recognition from those that are scoring lower or didn't put in that much work. It'll differentiate who's applying themselves in class and who isn't."

However, not all students feel the plus and minus grading system is a fair one.

Senior Megan Rude, an ecology major, said that the system might sound fair but it

wouldn't benefit her.

"I get a lot of minuses in classes and it wouldn't help my GPA out," she said. "A lot of people squeak by with just

getting a B and its better for their GPA."

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Security Incidents

Friday, Oct. 24

8:20 p.m. - Several students were cited for an alcohol violation at East Lake. The matter was referred to the Hall Director.

10:40 p.m. - Security personnel discovered an intoxicated student in Prentiss-Lucas in the bathroom. An EMS was notified and the student was transported to the hospital.

Saturday, Oct. 25

1:20 a.m. - A student was attempting to bring a visitor into the hall without checking in. Security and residence life staff stopped the student. The student became belligerent and attempted to strike the RA. The Winona Police were notified and the student was arrested for

assault. The matter was also referred to the Hall Director.

11:16 p.m. - Security cited several students for possessing alcohol on campus near the Gazebo. Matter was referred to the conduct officer.

Sunday, Oct. 26

12:10 a.m. - Several students were cited for an alcohol violation in Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the Hall Director.

1:14 a.m. - Security assisted residence life staff with an alcohol violation in Sheehan Hall. The matter was referred to the Hall Director.

3:10 a.m. - A student was cited for a housing violation in

Prentiss-Lucas. The matter was referred to the Hall Director.

2:23 a.m. - Security responded to a call at the bus stop on Huff Street where a non-student was warned and told to leave campus.

Monday, Oct. 27.

12:34 a.m. - Security observed some vandalism in Tau. No damage was committed.

4:47 p.m. - An active fire alarm sounded in Prentiss-Lucas. Security and the Winona Fire Department responded. Burnt food in a Lucas kitchen was the cause of the alarm.

10:45 p.m. - Security responded to a complaint of someone smoking marijuana in Lourdes Hall. Drug paraphernalia was

eventually confiscated and the matter was referred to the Hall Director.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

12:15 a.m. - A student was cited for attempting to bring alcohol into the Quad. Referred to the Hall Director.

Thursday, Oct. 30

11:40 p.m. - Security assisted RA staff with an alcohol violation in Maria Hall. Referred to the Hall Director.

11:48 p.m. - While on a routine patrol, security noticed some suspicious behavior in a vehicle in the south Sheehan parking lot. Several individuals were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. The matter was referred to a conduct officer.

WSU hosts Virgin Island Travel Study info meeting

Winona State University's Virgin Islands Travel Study program will hold an informational session from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Dining Room E of Kryzsko Commons.

The six-credit program takes place May 15-31, 2009.

The cost is approximately \$3,900, including tuition and fees; air travel expenses; transportation on the island; excursions including a full-day guided adventure tour of the island; deep-sea kayaking; a guided eco-hike; scuba diving and snorkeling; lodging at Cottages by the Sea; and most food costs.

For more information, e-mail Tamara Berg at TBerg@winona.edu, or visit www.caribbeancottages.com.

Students petition 'advocacy' for Native Americans

By Rebecca Erdmann
Winonan

On a bright but chilly day last week, three students stood in front of Winona State University's Krueger Library, encouraging people to sign a petition.

In some ways, this is a fairly mundane sight on campus, as political involvement is common.

Brent Hanifl, Ritchie Bacami and Glenn Zera, however, will get classroom credits for their grassroots efforts.

The three are enrolled in the Outdoor Education class, which is part of the Recreation and Tourism major.

Professor James Reidy, who teaches the class, said that it's "in, about, and for the outdoors."

The goal of the class is to get students "excited about the area around them," Reidy said.

The in-class portion involves lectures and discussions on a broad range of timely topics, including the environment, politics, economics and natural resources.

Students are also expected to devote two hours each week to a plot study.

The plot study consists of students choosing a spot outdoors and sitting there, observing plants and animals. Students take pictures, and keep track of their observations.

They also have to do a scientific investigation, gathering information and plotting it.

At the end of the semester, the students will turn in a paper detailing their plotting study.

Last Wednesday, Hanifl, Bacami and Zera were working on the third component of the class: political petitions.

Students were asked to choose one of three treaties

between the United States government and groups of Native Americans, and create petitions in favor of changing the treaties to deal more fairly with the Native nations.

For this portion of the class, students could develop a petition for the Individual Indian Trust, the Peabody coal company contract with the Hopi Indians or the 1868 treaty with the Lakota nations.

Hanifl, Bacami, Zera, and another student from the class, Adam Kruger, chose to focus on the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie.

The treaty was an agreement between the U.S. government and the Lakota nation, Sioux and Arapaho, guaranteeing the Lakota's ownership of the Black Hills, as well as land and hunting rights in South Dakota, Montana and Wyoming.

Once gold was discovered in the Black Hills, however,

the Treaty of Fort Laramie was ignored and settlers moved into Indian Territory.

The goal of the petition created by Hanifl, Bacami, Kruger and Zera is to increase federal funding for work programs, education, food and other necessities on the reservations.

They also want to simply increase awareness of the history between the U.S. and Native Americans. Hanifl says in the end, "it's all about advocacy."

Twice a week for the past two weeks, the four group members would gather and encourage people to read the petition, ask questions, and think about the ideas behind the petition.

"We want other counties to respect us, but we have to fix things in our own country first," Bacami said.

There's an art to getting people to sign a petition.

"We have to judge who will be easier to approach," Bacami said.

Students on cell phones or listening to music were not ideal targets for the petition.

Some people, however, would question the motives of the petition.

"What's better, the student who signs it in three seconds or the person who just questions it?" Bacami asked.

In spite of some doubters, the petition has at least 100 signatures.

The group will send the petition to the Minnesota state senator shortly after Election Day, although they're not sure what the end result will be.

"Maybe it's a bit far-fetched to think that the government will actually look at the petition, but it's a start," Zera said.

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What's happening at WSU...

Wednesday

WSU Hosts Mississippi River Presentation

PLACE: Minnesota Marine Art Museum Auditorium
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
CONTACT: e-mail Toby Dogwiler at TDogwiler@winona.edu or visit <http://water.southeastmn.edu/LectureSeries.html>

Eastern European Integration

PLACE: 2nd floor of the Darrell Krueger Library
TIME: 1 p.m.
CONTACT: Kendall Larson at 507-457-5367 or Joe Mount at 507-457-5147, or visit www.winona.edu/library/athenaeum

Thursday

WSU Hosts Ten Thousands Villages Fair Trade Sale

PLACE: Art Tye Lounge, Kryzsko Commons
TIME: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
CONTACT: e-mail Linda D'Amico at LDamico@winona.edu

Career Services Offers Long-Term Volunteer Fair

PLACE: Kryzsko Commons
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
CONTACT: Career Services at 507-457-5878, e-mail career@winona.edu or visit <http://www.winona.edu/career/VolunteerFair.html>

Friday

31st Annual High School Honor Band Festival

PLACE: Performing Arts Center
TIME: All Day
CONTACT: call Marybeth Lenhardt at 507-457-5250

Faculty Exhibition: ChunLok Mah and Chuck Aydlett

PLACE: Watkins Gallery
TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: e-mail Anne Plummer at APlummer@winona.edu

Saturday

Honor Band Festival Concert

PLACE: Performing Arts Center Main Stage
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Marybeth Lenhardt at 507-457-5250

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade

PLACE: Art Tye Lounge, Kryzsko Commons.
TIME: 9 a.m. to noon
CONTACT: e-mail Linda D'Amico at LDamico@winona.edu

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Monday

No Classes: Veteran's Day Observance

PLACE: Winona State University
TIME: All Day

Faculty Exhibition: ChunLok Mah and Chuck Aydlett

PLACE: Watkins Gallery
TIME: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: e-mail Anne Plummer at APlummer@winona.edu

Tuesday

Counseling Center Offers "Creating Healthy Relationships" Seminar

PLACE: Purple Rooms, Kryzsko Commons
TIME: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
CONTACT: call Eunie Alsaker at 507-457-5330 or e-mail EAlsaker@winona.edu

Peru Travel Study Program Holds Information Sessions

PLACE: Somsen 328
TIME: 5 to 6 p.m.
CONTACT: e-mail Gabriel Manrique at: GManrique@winona.edu or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/perutrustudy>

Holiday consumerism: Halloween added to the list



By Brian Sanders
Winonan

Friday marked the first time I participated in the pagan ritual that is Halloween. While there was an abundant amount of fun to be had, I also learned quite a bit.

I was one of the million jerks dressed up as the Joker, which I expected to be a popular costume.

I dressed up as the nurse Joker, placing myself in a smaller subcategory of jerks.

While in most facets in life I err on the side of originality, I figured that my first Halloween

I would follow through with my Joker plans despite the popularity of some movie that came out this summer.

I had a terrific time attempting to stay in character most of the night, which was maybe a mistake since I'm not a very good Joker. It was more fun that way — even if I'm terrible at the character, acting is always quite the enjoyable activity.

The few weeks leading up to this festivity gave me insight into how the holiday works.

The first tidbit that stuck out to me — people buy their costumes!

Now, I spent a little bit of money on the items associated with my costume, but I can assure you the cost was fairly minimal. Meanwhile, I know people who spent over \$50 on costumes! That's crazy!

I mean, I'm obviously coming from a different assumption than many people — the assumption that I want to be as

frugal as possible to minimize how much work I have to do in this prison — but I would think that most people do not want to spend a day's wage on a Halloween costume.

On top of that, some of these costumes do not spend very long with their owners.

This spring I was lucky enough to have a friend find a BATMAN costume in the trash!

It appears to have been thrown away because of a hole, but that's easy enough to fix.

What this means is that someone spent around \$40 on a Batman costume to most likely be worn for one night and then discarded.

I'm often shocked at the rampant consumerism associated with Christmas, but Halloween is certainly equally guilty of a holiday.

The other observation I had was at the varying degrees of creativity and intentions

associated with costumes.

I saw many creative costumes on Friday night: Mother Earth, the Two of Hearts, and Beetlejuice, for instance.

These delightful costumes were a welcome addition to my Halloween experience.

On the other hand, I came across a number of slutty (non-Joker) nurses.

It's difficult for me to understand the intentions there — it's an overdone costume, with no real creativity or cleverness behind it.

I wore a popular costume myself, so perhaps I'm equally as guilty, but I can justify it with my unbridled love for Batman.

Is everyone else just dying all year long thinking of how they can't wait to be a nurse on Halloween?

Perhaps girls find something liberating about dressing "sexy" like all the other girls on Halloween.

That whole issue is confusing

to me. But even if girls feel repressed and want to parade themselves on Halloween, I'm not sure why they do it wearing the same nurse, cop, schoolgirl, and secretary costumes every year.

That makes me question the whole thing.

None of my favorite costumes were "sexy" variations of common professions.

On the other hand, it is very possible that those girls received more attention from guys, which may be the whole point.

That speaks to the shallowness of everyone involved, but it is what it is, I suppose.

Congratulations to Barack Obama on winning best costume at Ed's; I hope you won the election too.

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High School Musical: The future's boy bands?



By Sarah Burgen
Editor-in-Chief

Last week, I went to see a cinematic masterpiece.

As I entered the Winona 7, I felt no shame as I said, "One for 'High School Musical 3,' please."

Yeah, none of the films in the franchise came out when I was actually in high school.

It's true that most basketball teams don't break out into song when there are 16 minutes

left in the state championship game, and most high school cheerleading squads aren't made up of professional dancers.

But, with all that's going wrong in the world today, it's nice to escape from reality for an hour and a half.

Most girls would love for Zac Efron to whisk them onto a rooftop and sing about dancing together forever.

However, the thing that struck me most about this movie was definitely the soundtrack. Yes, I bought it, and yes, I've listened to it.

As I went through the songs, I realized there were some major similarities between this music and music of yesteryear.

Example: The basketball song "Now or Never" sounds like something *NSYNC

would have released in 2000. Similarly, Efron's duet with Corbin Bleu, "The Boys Are Back" sounds very Backstreet Boys-esque. Vanessa Hudgens sounds, straight up, like a 15-year-old Mandy Moore.

Is the pop music of our middle school days coming back?

The Jonas Brothers bare a striking resemblance to Hanson, and the Disney stars are slowly evolving into the pop megastars we plastered our walls with in the 7th grade.

While the scandals among those popstars seem trivial compared to today's gossip rag fare, there is a definite resemblance in fandom and magazine covers.

I, personally, had nine Backstreet Boys posters.

I remember when I saw them in November 1999. I sported

my Gap shirt and flared jeans and Skechers, and rode in my dad's Volvo to Kemper Arena in Kansas City.

I remember listening to BSB in my amazing bedroom, my blue lava lamp turned on, my 'Clarissa Explains It All' poster hanging proudly on my closet door. I can still smell my American Eagle Alive lotion.

So, reader, I'd love if you'd share your stories of the pop music heyday of the 1990s.

E-mail me your memories. I want some amazing letters to the editor.

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Pet names, nicknames or no names



By Lauren Vincenti
Winonan

Nothing irks me more than pet names and for good reason, too. Mainly because we have heard them used before, be it on our friends, relatives, or in movies. They aren't creative and don't have any background.

If you want to call someone by something other than their name, give them a nickname that has meaning.

There is really nothing special in "babe," sweetheart," "muffin," or "hun."

These are all names that seem like they would be affectionate,

but fail to be.

Another use of pet names that just annoys me is when women use these names in a condescending manner.

One girl I worked with while in retail really thought she owned the store.

She would constantly be asking me to fulfill her tasks: "Hey hun, would you mind folding these shirts," "Hun, we really need the pants folded," or "Hun, why don't you go check in those boxes?"

She was a big reason I quit that job and never applied to Marquette. By big, I really mean only reason.

Pet names bother me quit a bit, but I think it is much worse when people make it obvious that they've forgotten your name and don't put an effort into covering up their brain lapse.

Just the other day, I said "Hi" to someone I used to talk

to a lot. They responded with "Hey... You!"

Sure, they could have been busy or running late, but don't try and say my name then.

Though the worst yet has to be one of my cooperating teachers in my field experience. I go into the high school just about every day.

I know that she doesn't know my name, so I make it a point to use hers more than necessary. Passive-aggressive? Maybe.

The other day though, both the teachers were talking about grading papers.

This teacher says to the other, "Well, why don't you and," she full-arm points to me, "her do them next period." It's no wonder the kids don't listen; they don't know who I am!

I could give her the benefit of the doubt and say that she doesn't know what to call me.

"Vincenti" may be hard for some people to remember and

maybe first names aren't spoken in front of the students.

If that is the case and she doesn't know what to call me, then I can empathize. Situations can get sticky.

Like when eating dinner with a friend's family and their parents didn't tell you what to call them, so you don't. You play it safe by not using a name; rather, you make eye contact and call them "pass the potatoes." The "you" is understood.

When in doubt about a person's name, ask them. Then it looks like you actually care to use their name and you are being respectful.

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Letters to the Editor

Random ramblings

*L'aube est moins claire,
l'air moins chaud, le ciel
moins pur ;*

...

*Les longs jours sont pas-
sés ; les mois charmants
finissent.*

....

*Hélas ! voici déjà les ar-
bres qui jaunissent !*

*L'automne est triste avec
sa bise et son brouillard,*

*Et l'été qui s'enfuit est un
ami qui part.*

—Victor Hugo—

Dear reader,

You may ask why I begin with French when the odds are very slim that either of

us speak it. Well, it is very much related to the fact that my once lovely hands are beginning to crack with the small fissures of coming winter and that the tops of the brilliant bluffs are losing their brilliance by the day. And the fact that it sounds good. But there's something else, too... this poem captures that creeping sensation of futility, of acceleration, of falling, of missing. Something is in the air, something indefinable and yet almost tangible in its effects on all of us. Yes, you. You are being affected by a nameless, creepy air-touch at this very moment. And to think, you didn't even know it.

What are these effects? Let's examine a typical WSU student to see if you could be suffering from the same mal-

ady. We'll call her Jayson. A good American unisex name if I've ever heard one. Jayson wakes up in the morning, barely, and begins a day that is filled for her by others, filled with looming obligations that barely touch her mind, much less her heart. Although previously she has liked school (relatively speaking), and been gung-ho about the classes that seem to be meaningfully directing her toward A Future, lately she grumbles at their mere existence. She finds herself fantasizing about just running away to Florida—really, what's the worst that could happen? But at the same time, she continues to put off the drudgery of work she cannot find the strength to do, an uneasy sick feeling in her very bones begins to

spread through her muscles, her nerves, her eyeballs, to the very tips of her fingers. She knows she can't put the work off forever, and she knows forever is swiftly drawing to a close: Judgment Day awaits. Each day grows darker. As the hours shorten, the stress of what was not done yesterday compounds upon her and the will to do any of it seeps, seeps away. A growing desire inside calls for change, but at midterm, the monotony stretches on unbroken, and she suddenly has trouble breathing. She wants to sleep, have another cookie, and maybe watch a movie. She insists to herself that she deserves it.

Does this sound familiar? Are you one of those affected? You are not alone.

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*The dawn is less clear, the
air less warm, the sky less
pure.*

*The long days are passed,
the charming months finish
Alas! Here already the
yellowing trees!*

*The fall is sad; the fog
creeps in, the cold wind
blows*

*The summer that leaves is
a friend that goes.*

—Anne Flaherty
WSU student

Winona's coffee shops: venture into the unknown

By Rebecca Erdmann
Winonan

There are at least half a dozen different coffee shops in town; most are near Winona State University's main campus or downtown.

Each coffee shop has its own unique atmosphere, its signature drinks and a different method of appealing to customers.

For those coffee addicts who haven't yet found a home, here is a quick look at some of your options.

As its name would suggest, Acoustic Café offers free live music every Friday and Saturday night, often performed by students. Student art also hangs on the walls.

"We get a lot of students," said owner Kathy Schoen, who speculates that people are drawn to the Acoustic Café's cozy atmosphere and the music.

The Acoustic Café also holds the distinction of offering affordable meals. A soup and sandwich combo costs \$4.39,

on average.

At Blooming Grounds coffee shop, the most popular drinks are green tea smoothies during warm months, and the s'mores mocha when the weather turns cold.

Desserts at Blooming Grounds are well-liked by students, said barista Jenna Cameron.

The Carmelita, a cookie bar covered with caramel and chocolate, "is probably our most popular," said Caryn Maloney, another barista.

Blooming Grounds is also liked for its food.

They offer at least four soups daily, along with paninis and other sandwiches.

Winona State student Chelsea Rosenow comes to Blooming Grounds for their chicken olive artichoke sandwich, her favorite.

Blooming Grounds also boasts some of the cheapest coffee in town. A 12-ounce cup of coffee costs \$1.49.

The Blue Heron coffee shop focuses on its role as a place

for the Winona community as a whole.

Connected to the Book Shelf, the Blue Heron is a great hangout for book lovers who also happen to be caffeine junkies.

The shared space allows both businesses to attract new customers.

"We get a lot of cross traffic," said Dustin Skelley, a Winona State student who has worked at the Blue Heron for two years.

The Blue Heron uses organic and locally grown food. Skelley said our food makes us unique.

The community gathers there, and like any coffee shop, the Blue Heron has its share of regulars, including Karen Lomsdal, who says she goes there because the people are so nice.

What makes the Blue Heron different from other coffee shops is its tendency to name drinks after regular customers.

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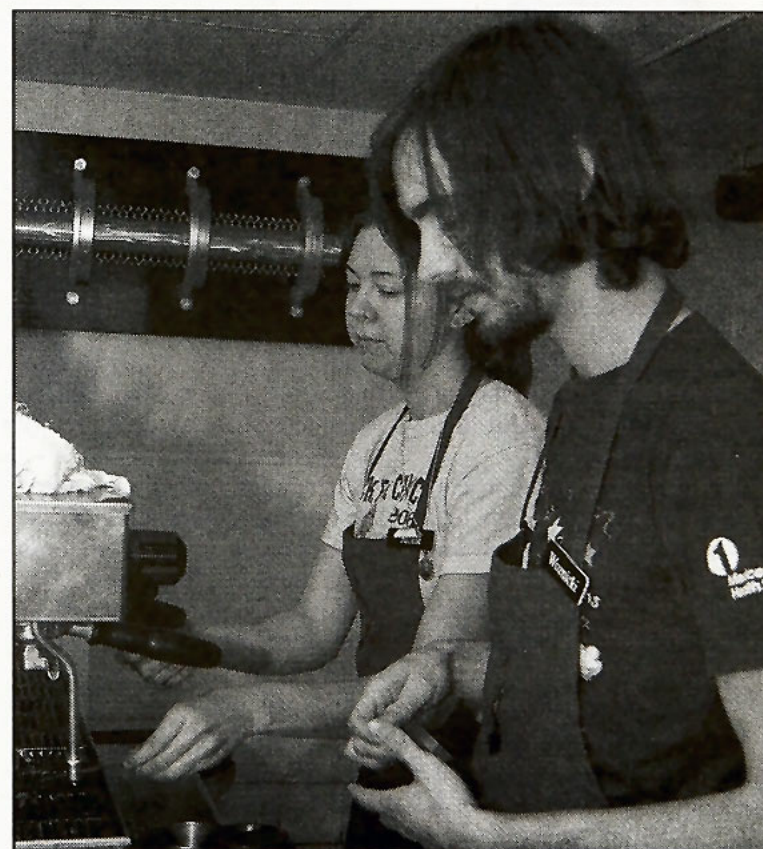


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Jackie Bieszk, left, and Christ Woznicki make specialty coffee drinks Oct. 25 at Mugby Junction Café on Huff Street in Winona. Mugby is one of many coffee shops unique to Winona.

WSU senior's Concert for a Cause

By Courtney Cosgriff
Winonan

Jake Runestad, a senior education major at Winona State University, helped put on a "Concert for a Cause" this past Sunday.

This event was Runestad's senior composition recital and featured seven of his original choral compositions, which were performed by Winona State students and members of the Winona community.

The event was also a free-will fundraiser for Zimbabwe Orphan Endeavor Ministry. This organization provides programs for orphaned children across Africa, including those at day camps and medical clinics.

Runestad spent time in Africa this summer working directly with the ZOE Ministry. He also explained that music has always been part of his life, even as a child.

"From a small child, I would come home from church or school and plunk out melodies that I heard and create my own arrangements," Runestad said. "During a parent-teacher conference, my kindergarten teacher told my mother how I hummed all the time in class."

Runestad said the first time his music was performed was his senior year of high school.

"The ability to have others breathe life into my music was an incredible experience that got me hooked for life,"

Runestad said. "Music, for me, is my way of expression and of communicating with the world."

Runestad, who has been named Collegiate Composer of the Year in Minnesota, is highly involved with the music department as a saxophonist and a vocalist. He is also a member of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and the Midnight Runners Dixieland Band, among others.

Runestad also founded and conducts the ACDA Laboratory Chorus. This is a choir of students that serve as a laboratory ensemble for practicing conducting and

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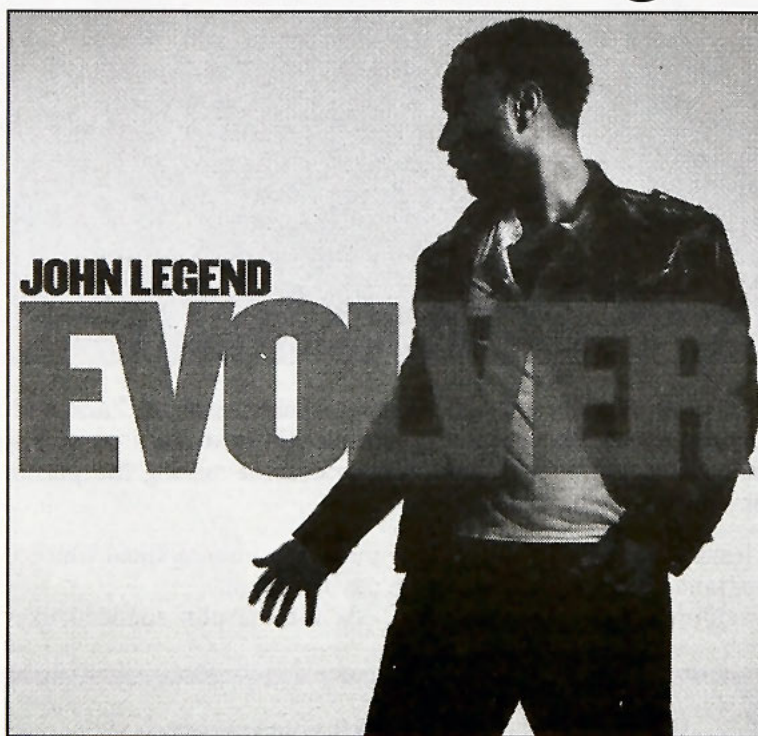
'Evolver' devolves as Legend's third

By Jack Chandler
Winonan

What is R&B? An abridged timeline: Delta bluesman tackle love songs from the glass-half-full perspective, Elvis swivels hips, kids dance, Berry Gordy sells some records, The Beatles captivate during a rough patch, Don Cornelius jumps on his Soul Train, Marvin Gaye changes the world and D'Angelo asks whether R&B has died.

At the end of this expansive chronology is John Legend, a warm-voiced throwback who, after a pair of sultry piano-based pop records, becomes the torch barer of his generation's quest to put authentic rhythm back into rhythm and blues.

Legend's "Evolver" represents the growth and progression of the Ohio crooner to this point through his career.



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His debut "Get Lifted" and the subsequent follow-up "Once

Again" benefited from great production and narrow concept visions, two key elements that unfortunately are absent on his third effort (Can anyone tell me whose ingenious idea it was to make will.i.am the sought-after pop producer he is today)?

Legend tackles what must be the urban version of a Colbie Caillat spin with "Everybody Knows."

To judge one must first understand, so in this regard I have no words.

Some of the more novel album collaborations work on "Evolver," but some don't.

The Estelle supported "No Other Love" basks in Jamaican flavor, while Brandy doesn't even sound that bad on spacey duet "Quickly."

But the College Dropout assisted "It's Over" comes up way short on expectations and

dazzles in unoriginality.

There are a few nice efforts, notably the funky "Greenlight" which has Legend and Andre 3000 brushing off their moxie on that captivating stranger at the party.

Three Stacks has a dizzying verse near the end that's worth the listen in its own right.

Singing about his ideal weekend morning is easy for this guy, so it's more relief than reward when we finally get John Legend on "Good Morning."

The horns sound lush, but after an R&B record stuffed with programmable beats, a lot of things do.

"This Time" is another minimal cut where Legend keeps things simple. Soaring passes and fluid piano make this listenable on the second side.

His "lost sound" is something Legend is searching for often on "Evolver."

Why is there so much urgency to evolve? If it ain't broke, don't... ya know?

By trial and error, he should know pristine soul cuts don't involve Pharrell Williams or incorporating the electro-R&B movement. Leave that to Ne-Yo.

Legend's voice is his talent, and it loses luster when placed over these hollow Mac-programmed arrangements.

More live instruments would be a good start.

Paying a visit to an accomplished legend would work Stevie Wonders, too.

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The Fire Five

The Essentials from
John Legend

1

"Used to Love U"

Off his debut album "Get Lifted," which won a Grammy in 2006 for Best R&B album, his ability to go from retro soul to dance-floor pop is the reason for his success.

2

"Ordinary People"

An empowering ballad that will be his legacy when all is said and done... singer-songwriters last forever though, so no use in looking ahead.

3

"No Other Love"
feat. Estelle

It's like the full-on John Legend — Lauryn Hill partnership you want but will never get. Just good enough to make you imagine the possibilities.

4

"Heaven"

Kanye made the cut, then realized a real voice would sound good on this one. Big drums and angelic backup vocals give "Heaven" an airy sound.

5

"Again"

The best ballad in his catalogue is also the most minimal. The guy gets a lot out of sultry vocals, a piano and an upright bass.

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Zack and Miri Make a Porno - respectable nudity

Film

Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Genre

Comedy, Drama, Romance

Director

Kevin Smith

Cast

Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, Craig Robinson, Jason Mewes, Jeff Anderson

MPAA Rating

R

Run Time

101 minutes

Joe's Judgement

B+

By Joe Underbakke
Winonan

After seeing "Saw V" last week I really needed a change.

To be clear, I'm not saying since I saw a horror movie I needed to see a comedy; I'm saying that since I saw a crappy movie, I needed to see a good one.

I chose to review Kevin Smith's latest flick, "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," whose title alone implies a presence of the crude humor Smith is widely known for.

Kevin Smith has written and directed several films during the past two decades that center around the vulgar humor, a humor that started in his first and most widely respected film, "Clerks."

I won't even say that I'm a Kevin Smith fan, since I find most of his movies slightly over the top and not all that funny. Nonetheless, I wanted to see this movie.



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Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks) star in "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," a romantic comedy about two roommates who decide to make a pornographical film to raise money to pay their rising rent. Throughout the process of making the porno, the two realize their underlying feelings for each other.

It stars Seth Rogen ("Knocked Up") and Elizabeth Banks as two longtime friends who decide to

make a pornographical film to pay their rent.

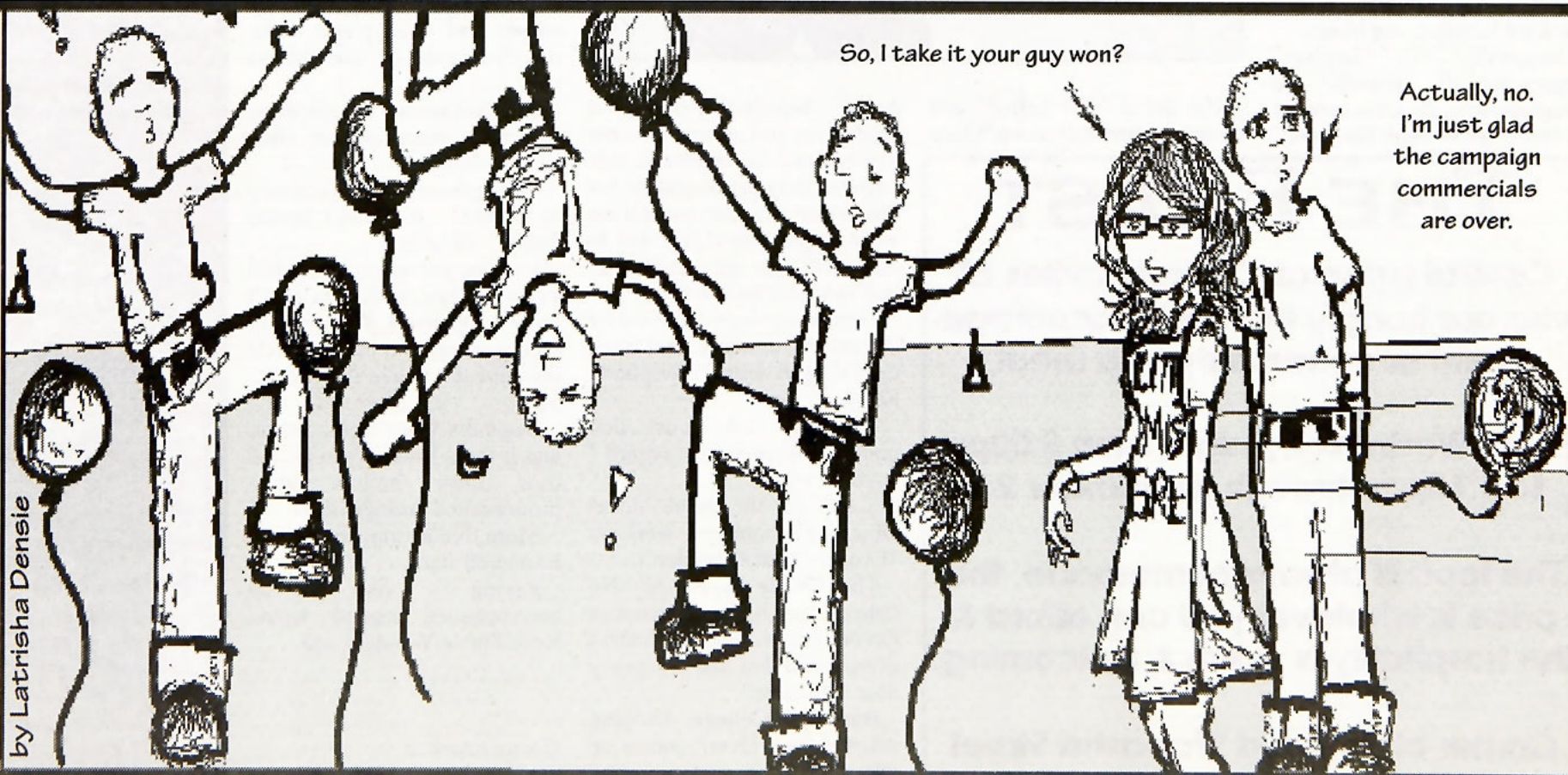
enough to make the movie

While the plot sounded like

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Lil' Miss Green

by Latrisha Densie



Winterizing can help save money during cold months

By Kelly Miller
Winona

The cool chill of fall is quickly turning into the frozen tundra, otherwise known as winter in Minnesota.

Keeping warm in the winter

can be expensive, and with rising heat and gas bills, some students worry about how they are going to keep warm and still be able to afford groceries and rent.

Instead of diving into even more debt this winter, one way

students can save money and be more energy efficient is to seal their homes from the cold.

Checking windows is one of the most basic and simplest places to start with: Screens in windows or doors should be replaced.

Replacing windows tends to take a little bit more time and money than some other solutions, but it does help.

Another way to save money is to look for cracks or openings in the interior of the home and use a caulking system to seal these.

Caulking seals these crevices making them airtight and essentially keeping out the cold during the winter.

"Sealing cracks and crevices pays for itself and it is an inexpensive fix," said Dave McNally, local landlord and owner of the Tri-Mac Do It Best Lumber of Winona.

Caulking is less expensive than changing windows and may be easier for students.

Caulk is a versatile product that can be used within a home for many different issues,

including sealing windows.

Perhaps the easiest and cheapest method is to attach plastic covering to windows.

Plastic kids can usually be found in home improvement sections of most retail stores.

Heating bills for the upcoming winter months are expected to soar through the roof, so investing in any sealing method may be worthwhile.

Students with drafty apartments or homes should talk to their landlord about winterizing.

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Mugby Junction has two stores and two kiosks throughout Winona.

With its enviable locations on Huff Street across from main campus and in Somsen Hall, Mugby is accessible to students, but location alone is not what attracts them.

"(Mugby Junction) has a great atmosphere, it's laid back," said Christopher Woznicki, a Winona State student who works at the Huff Street Mugby.

With music playing in the background and plenty of outlets for laptops or other electronic necessities, students think Mugby Junction is an ideal spot to study between classes.

Among students and other Mugby regulars, Carew Halleck, owner and manager of Mugby Junction said, "our most popular drink is the caramel latté or caramel frappe, depending on whether the weather is hot or cold."

Solid Grounds, located on Washington Street, a few blocks east of campus, is owned and

operated by Rock Solid Youth Center.

The drive-through and walk-up based coffee stand offers some of the cheapest coffee in town, along with cookies and doughnuts made daily at Bloedow's Bakery.

Despite the low prices of drinks at Solid Grounds, manager Monica Dworschak said the money earned goes back to the countries where the coffee came from.

Many coffee shops, including Mugby Junction, Solid Grounds and Blooming Grounds pride themselves on the use of fair trade coffee and homemade pastries.

Mugby Junction, the Acoustic Café and Blooming Grounds also offer free wireless.

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REVIEW

in reality, it ended up being only a small portion of the appeal. One great thing about "Zack and Miri" is the ensemble cast that seemed to work so well with together.

Aside from Rogen, I'll award the standout performance to Craig Robinson, best known as Darryl in "The Office."

He's been getting lots of screen time lately in Judd Apatow movies and even as a more prominent character on "The Office."

His performance in "Zack and Miri" definitely had some of the biggest laughs including, a dance sequence montage. Justin Long ("Acceptance") also makes a humorous cameo as a porn star from Los Angeles, whose actual lines can't be done justice on the page.

The making of the porno is quite a thing to witness on screen.

When presenting this movie to the MPAA ratings board,

Smith had to jump through multiple hoops to get himself an R rating.

For a long time, he was refused the rating and the film was nearly rated NC-17. It shows.

Despite Smith having to make several cuts to get the movie to R-rated status, there are several remnants of what could have easily put the MPAA up in arms.

First of all, there's nudity. Lots of nudity. However, if this surprises anyone I suggest you either become literate or Google "porno," because it was bound to happen.

Perhaps Smith's goal was to spark the ambitions of some entrepreneurs out there, which is a possibility.

Though the making of the porno is an important part of the movie, it really just serves as a catalyst for the real plot: Zack and Miri.

The obviousness of it all,

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however, doesn't ruin the ingenuity of the concept. I can almost see Kevin Smith's thought process in trying to figure out how to make two platonic friends intimate. His answer: desperation.

One criticism this movie is likely to take from the perspective of Kevin Smith fans is its lack of Smith's infamous dialogue.

Drawn out conversations on pop culture, sex, people, etc. are what many people associate with Smith's screenplays.

Though it's not a gaping void in this particular movie, it was definitely noticeable and uncharacteristic of Smith.

Overall I'd give this movie a B+, because it's got the humor, the dirtiness, and because hey, everyone likes a porno... right?

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Evening with Wank

Fight for your right to Wank

By Alex Wank
Winonan

Grantest upon me a sweet word—a kind word—for thine beauty alone is insufficient to light this Hell in which I have been condemned.

I pray of thee, do not forsake mine love for nothing other than a childish folly into maturity.

Believest in mine heart and soul, those gifts which you have taken, bought with joy and hope, praying for a greater future with thee.

No, Winona State University, I have not been sniffing glue. I have, however, eaten way too much of the food at the Smaug. It explains everything, I know.

It's the week after Halloween.

People are wandering the streets in a daze, wondering why they acted the way they did.

The answer is as shocking as it is simple - Mind Control.

Yes, dear reader, our minds have been controlled for the past few months now.

Neither the Brain Slugs nor the Hypno-Toads have been behind this. I can also assure you, dear reader, that Professor X and/or Jean Grey have nothing to do with this.

No, the true culprit that has been controlling our collective minds is none other than the media, in all of its evil forms.

For too long they have sat upon their thrones of "believability" and "fact." It's time that the public gets a say in what they read in the newspapers or watch on television.

For instance, the media is full of election coverage like it's important or something.

What they aren't telling you is that Eskimos are really penguins in parkas.

You've never seen an Eskimo out of the parka, have you? That's because they're penguins!

Remember, you heard it here

first.

(Columnist's note: I take no responsibility for anything that Alex Wank rambles on about. I also apologize to the Eskimo people and penguins alike. I know that you're not one and the same. The writer is just somewhat crazy).

The reason I write this is due to the fact that I feel there are not enough articles as real as my own.

True, if all the paper had were articles of this caliber then not only would I be out of a job, but the IQ of this school would see a dramatic drop.

Perhaps it's a good thing that there is only one Alex Wank.

All of this being said you, dear reader, have the power.

If you so choose, this article could become immensely popular.

Also, if you chose, this article could disappear and in its place the Winonan would perhaps include say, movie times.

Actually, that's not too bad of an idea. But they aren't taking my column/word for it...

To end this issue, as I end all issues, I would like to say a random joke.

Remember, the contest is still running. Send your own ending to my e-mail and you just may see it in print, within a future "Evening With Wank."

Did you hear about the guy who lost the left side of his body in a freak accident?

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CONCERT

rehearsal techniques for music education students.

While Runestad has had a lot of life experiences, he said Africa was one of the most influential.

"Africa was such an incredible life experience. Many of the experiences I had have affected me in ways that I have not completely comprehended yet," Runestad said. "However, I do know that this experience gave me a wider scope of the world and an understanding of a culture very different from

my own."

Runestad explained that the people of Zambia showed him how a complete stranger can be accepted into a different society.

"In American standards, these people are very poor, yet the joy they possess is like nothing I have ever experienced. So many people in America complain about small things that are meaningless in the large scheme of things," Runestad said. "Most of us do not realize how lucky we really are to live

where we do and have what we have."

As for now, Runestad said he plans to continue writing and composing.

"One of the challenges of starting out as a composer is getting one's music 'out there.' I plan to study composition in grad school to more wholly develop my craft and to be able to express myself in new ways," Runestad said.

Runestad will be student teaching in Lima, Peru next semester. Next fall he hopes to attend graduate school and ultimately teach music at the college level.

"I feel that I have somehow been called to write the music that I do — to say something to the world and to help others experience and think of life in a new way."

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Winona State junior Kendall Straessle plays a ball during the Warriors 1-1 tie Nov. 2 against Mary (N.D.).

WSU clinches 5th straight

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

The No. 3 Winona State University women's soccer team clinched its fifth consecutive Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference title outright with a 4-0 win on Halloween night over Northern State.

The Halloween victory was the Warriors' (17-1-1) record 16th in a row, providing shock value to a 1-1 regular-season ending tie with Mary (N.D.) on Sunday. Success can do that.

But any notion of the regular season becomes a moot point today when the No. 1 seeded Warriors host Upper Iowa at 6 p.m. in the opening round of the NSIC tournament.

"We don't want to go into the playoffs lackadaisical," Warriors coach Ali Omar said. "Now we know we have to bring it."

A few things to watch for:
Heidi Woerle and Amelia Kasten: Peas in a pod these

two. Fiercely competitive and never ones to shy away from contact, any Winona State postseason run begins and ends with the heart and soul of the Warriors senior class. Kasten, who finished the regular season tied with teammate Lauren Sturdivant for the NSIC goals lead (12) and should be on the short list for the NSIC offensive player of the year award, directs the Warriors up top. Woerle, who did nothing but reinforce her selection as preseason defensive player of the year, directs the Warriors' back row.

Melissa Sellier and Sarah Collieran: Omar was careful to pace these freshmen forwards, but any remnants of training wheels are long gone now. Collieran is a flyer, dangerous in the open field and comfortable with the ball at her feet. Sellier is an offensive specialist, a

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SEASON PREVIEW: Men's basketball ready to defend national title

By Danny Fearing
Winonan

The 70's rock group Thin Lizzy is best known for their bass thumping hit "The Boy's Are Back In Town," and indeed, they are.

That's right Warrior fans, it's time to lace up the sneakers and roll out the bleachers because the men's basketball team is back and ready to defend its national championship.

Although star players such as Jonte Flowers, John Smith and Quincy Henderson have graduated, the Warriors are determined to be as successful this year as ever before. There are plenty of familiar faces returning this year, starting with head coach Mike Leaf. This will be coach Leaf's 11th year as the men's head coach, and his 22nd

year with the men's program.

"Obviously, our ultimate goal is to win the national championship. We like to dream big and have high expectations for all of our teams every year," coach Leaf said. "We are going to take it game-by-game, though. We're not quite sure where we are at this early in the season, so we are going to take it one game at a time."

The Warriors have been one of the most successful basketball teams this decade on any level of play. They are ranked in a different spot in many different Division II preseason polls, but they are not really paying much attention to those rankings.

"(The first week of practice) has been good. We've had some good battles so far, and everyone has been working really hard. Right now, everything is kind

of wide open. We're not really sure who is going to be playing where on this team," stated senior guard Travis Whipple.

Whipple is one of the veterans on the team, and he has seen what it takes to rise to the top.

"This is my last chance, my last year. I'm really looking forward to going to battle with these guys," Whipple added.

The speedy guard averaged 6.1 points per game last year and started every game. He also led the team in assists with 122 on the season. When asked what is different about this year's team compared to last year's team, Whipple said, "This year's team has a lot of depth. We have a lot of guys that can play, and it's going to be interesting to see who plays where."

Although Leaf knows the

team lost most of its production from last year to graduation, he is very still optimistic.

"We definitely have big shoes to fill, no doubt about it," Leaf said. "Everyone needs to step up. We may even have red shirts from last year see some minutes this year. We all need to pick up our game."

Leaf said he has been pleased with practice thus far, and the team has been lucky because there have been no significant injuries.

The team's first game is this Saturday against UW-La Crosse in an exhibition game. The team plays its first three games at home to start off the year before traveling to Hawaii for a tournament.

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) added four teams to the

conference, which should make things a lot more interesting for the Warriors this year. There is no doubt that the entire conference will be gunning for the fellas, and with a lot of hard work, the Warriors have just as good a chance to win it all as last year.

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Warriors topple Augustana in home finale

By Adam Stanek
Winonan

Perfection is something that the Winona State football team strives for.

When it comes to Alltel Wireless Stadium, it is a place this senior class has been able to obtain perfection in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

The Warriors (6-4, 6-3 NSIC), despite their struggles to win close games this season, finished the season perfect at home, getting a 41-24 win over a very talented Augustana (6-4, 6-3 NSIC) team.

"I think it's awesome," Winona State head coach Tom Sawyer said. "We've won 35 games here in a row. We beat a ranked team, a team ranked No. 8 here in the super region."

It was an incredible performance by the Warriors defense in this game, as they forced six turnovers.

"We've faced a similar style offense before," said Winona State linebacker Brent Yule. "Coach Matt Entz has a great plan against it. This week, our defense played with intensity and had fun."

Freshman defensive back Lucas Wolf had an outstanding game, racking up four tackles: two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, and an 86-yard interception return as well as two pass defenses.

Needless to say, this earned Wolf the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

"This week, I just concentrated on learning the opponent's offense," Wolf said. "When it came to Saturday, it felt like I was in the right spots and knew what I was doing."

Wolf wasn't the only Warrior who netted NSIC honors this week.

Kicker/wide receiver Ryan Abbott broke the Winona State single-game scoring record for a kicker with 15 points.

Abbott went 4-of-4 on field goals and 3-for-3 on extra points.

In the process, Abbott earned the NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week.

"It was a great way to go out," said Abbott, who will be graduating this year. "It's really sad that will be my last day that I will be kicking on this field."

Abbott's big special teams day would start out early on Saturday.

On the opening drive of the game, the Warriors went 15 plays for 55 yards while running down nearly half the quarter.

With a drive that took up 6:35, Abbott had the answer as he connected on a 37-yard field goal to make it 3-0 with 8:25 to go in the first quarter.

It would stay that way until early in the second quarter.

With 14:13 to go in the second quarter, Augustana tied up the game with a 30-yard field goal by Jason Donnelly to tie the game up 3-3.

On its next possession, Winona State would again put together a time-consuming drive that took up 16 plays and almost eight minutes as they marched 75 yards.

This set up another 30-yard field goal by Abbott to make it 6-3 with 6:13 to go in the half.

The Vikings struck back quickly as quarterback Tyler Schulte found receiver Sam Holsen on a 75-yard catch and run for a touchdown, giving Augustana their first and only lead of the day at 10-6.

Winona State made sure that they wouldn't hold that lead for long.

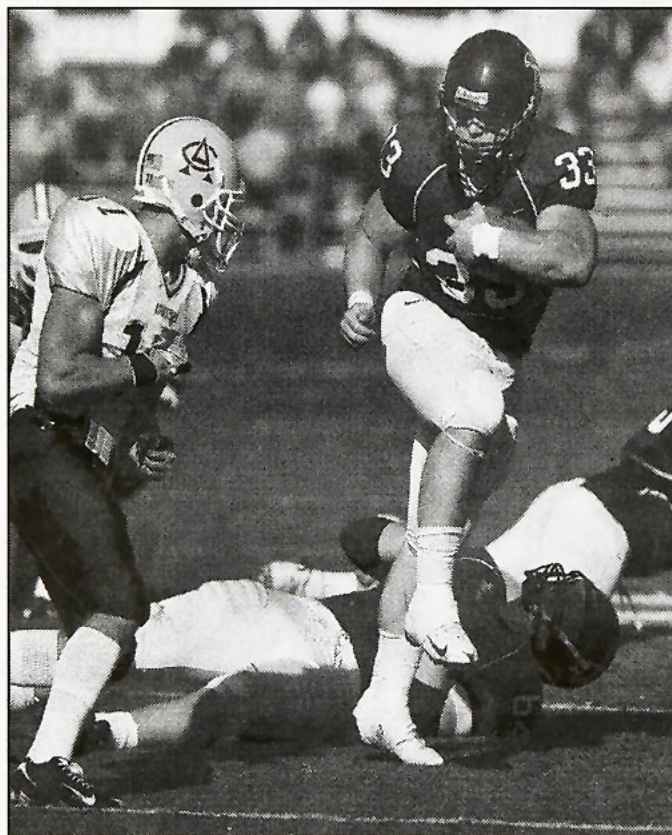


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Winona State senior running back Andrew Verbancouer sizes up an Augustana College defender during the Warriors 41-24 victory Saturday at Maxwell Field at Alltel Wireless Stadium.

On their next drive, they went five plays for 51 yards, ending on a 10-yard touchdown sprint around the corner by senior running back Randy Spring to make it 13-10.

Just as it looked like the Vikings were establishing a drive to score before the half, Yule picked off Schulte's pass toward the sideline and ran it back 51-yards to the Augustana 18-yard line with 1:31 to go in the half.

Unfortunately, the Warriors offense could not capitalize and had to settle for a 32-yard field goal by Abbott to put Winona up 16-10 at halftime.

On Augustana's opening drive of the second half, freshman cornerback Ken Damron came up with Winona State's second pick and ran it back 31 yards to the Vikings 34-yard line.

A few plays later, it would be Andrew Verbancouer scoring a touchdown, but in a rather unorthodox Verbancouer style.

Verbancouer caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Greg Preston to give Winona State a 24-10 lead after completing the two-point conversion from Preston to receiver Tyrre Burks.

On Winona State's next possession, Preston found tight end Todd Burkoth on a 44-yard catch-and-run that took the Warriors down to the 13-yard line.

A few plays later, Verbancouer scored his 21st touchdown of the season on a 3-yard touchdown plunge to increase Winona State's lead to 31-10.

With 1:30 to go, the Vikings managed to get it back to a two-score game again.

Schulte scrambled in on a 4-yard touchdown run that capped off an eight-play 82-yard drive.

Winona State lead 31-17 but they expanded it to a three-score game yet again in the fourth quarter.

Attempting to get deep into Winona State territory, Schulte launched a pass toward the end zone but it was intercepted by Wolf as he ran it back from the Winona State 4-yard line to the Augustana 10-yard line, almost making it to the end zone.

The Warriors couldn't quite punch it in and were forced to settle for a 20-yard field goal by Abbott.

On the Viking's next possession, they took the ball eight plays for 69 yards that was finished off by a Schulte 1-yard touchdown run to make it 34-24 with 3:00 to go in the game.

However, Yule helped the Warriors pull away for good.

On the inside kick attempt, Yule picked up the loose ball and got by the Vikings special teams to sprint it in easily from 40-yards out to put Winona State back up by 17 as the game ended with a 41-24 beat down of the Vikings.

Preston went 13-of-25 with 154 yards and one touchdown in a solid return from injury.

Spring's final game at Alltel Wireless Field was yet another big one for the league's best rusher.

Spring carried the ball 25 times for 122 yards and a touchdown.

Burkoth led the receiving core with four catches for 73 yards.

Yule recorded six tackles, a fumble recovery, an interception, and a pass breakup to go with his special teams touchdown.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more," Yule said. "It is nice to get one at home and keep that streak alive."

"We have 26 seniors that played in the game," said Sawyer referring to this year's senior class. "Those guys are very proud of what they've done here at Winona State and it's a way for them to finish their legacy here."

Winona State's streak of 35 consecutive home wins will continue into next season.

The Warriors finish up this season with the toughest game of the season coming up against Minnesota-Duluth.

Duluth is currently 10-0, ranked second in the NCAA Super Region #3 and ranked eighth in the national poll.

"They are a very good football team," Sawyer said. "But they are going to be looking ahead to the playoffs. We need to go out and play our best football game and I think we will have a great chance to win."

Winona State will take on Duluth at Malosky Stadium at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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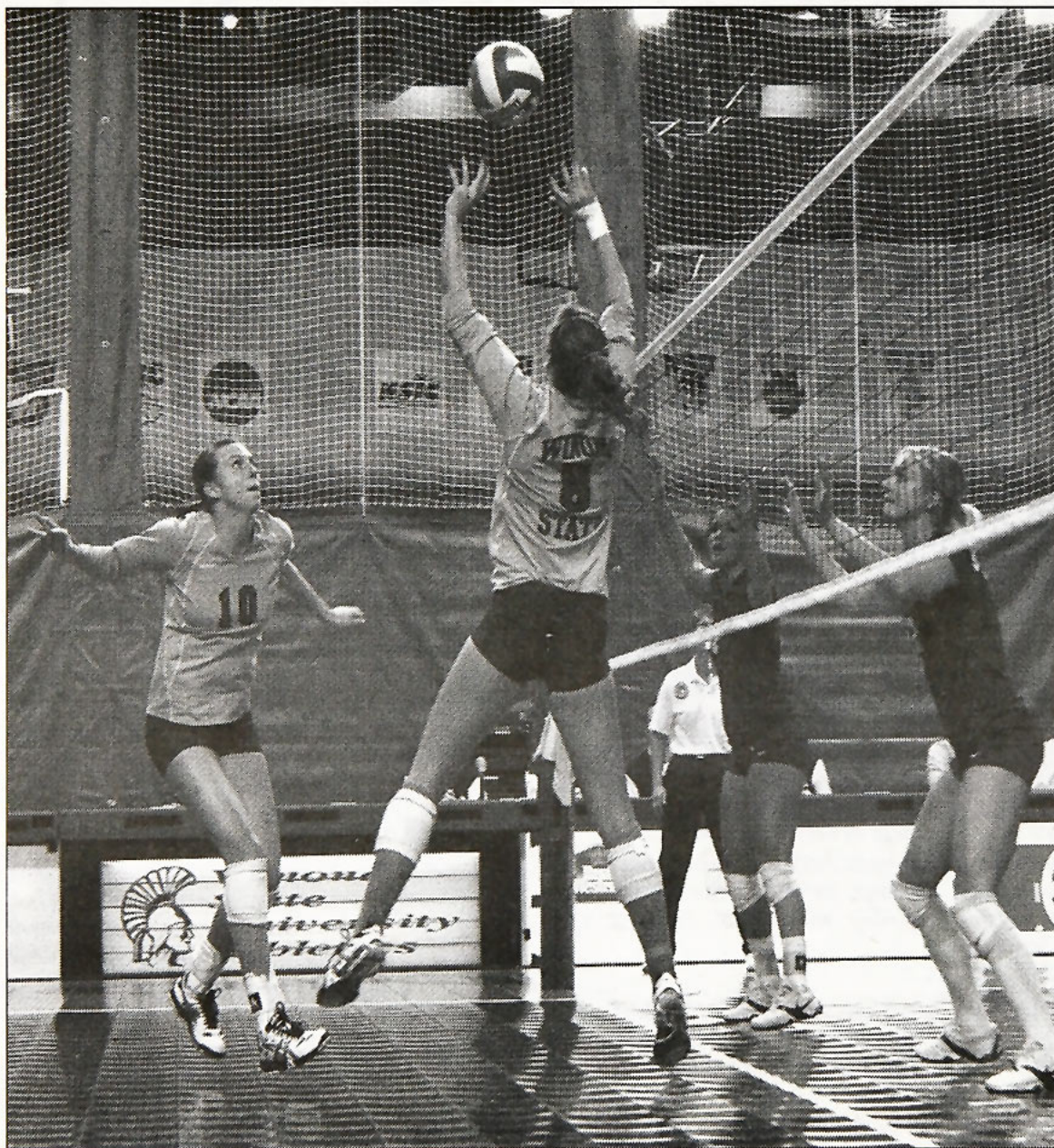


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Winona State freshman Katy Flynn sets up junior Jenna Padley for a spike during the Warriors' 3-1 victory Friday over Upper Iowa at McCown Gymnasium in Winona.

Warriors make it two in a row

By Johnny Podominick
Winonan

The Winona State University volleyball team won its second game in a row, defeating Upper Iowa University in four sets at home this weekend. It was an important victory for the Warriors, as they look to improve their position in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference standings.

Things did not get off to a good start for the Warriors, as the dropped the first set 25-22.

They fell behind 20-11 before storming back to within one point to nearly win the match.

Winona State carried over the energy from the end of the first set into the next one. Rudi Balich, Keri Daly and Lauren Brown hit consecutive kills as Winona State jumped to an early 3-0 lead it would not relinquish.

The second set was more of the same, as the Warriors jumped out an early lead and coasted from there. At one point, Winona State led 20-11,

and won the match 25-17.

The third set saw the Warriors dominate again, winning 25-15. Upper Iowa hung around early, but Winona State broke open a 4-3 early lead and led throughout the whole match.

The fourth game was the closest of the match, and for the first time since the first game, the Warriors fell behind, trailing Upper Iowa 12-10 midway through. But the Warriors regrouped,

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SEASON PREVIEW: High hopes for women's hoops

By Johnny Podominick
Winonan

The Winona State University women's basketball team enters the 2008-2009 season with the highest expectations in program history. Four starters return from last year's team, which won a school-record 21 games and hosted a first round Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference playoff game for the first time in school history.

Four seniors, Molly Anderson, Jamie Majerowicz, Kelsey Homewood and Jenny Steffen will lead the way for the Warriors this season.

Steffen, a 5-foot-8 guard, transferred from Grand Valley State before the start of last season, and had a huge impact on the team in her first season, averaging 13.6 ppg and leading the nation in 3-point field goal shooting at 48.9 percent.

Anderson, a 5-10 guard, averaged 8.0 ppg and led the team with 129 assists. Majerowicz, a versatile 6-1 forward, averaged 7.3 ppg and 3.4 rpg. Homewood, a transfer from Kirkwood Community College, came off the bench in all but six games and averaged 6.8 ppg and shot over 50 percent from the 3-point line.

Returning starter Ana Wurtz averaged 9.4 ppg at the shooting guard position.

Natalie Gigler, a 6-foot-2 forward, came off the bench last season and averaged 9.5 ppg. Coach Scott Ballard expects her to become more of a go-to player this season, especially after her 22-point performance last weekend in a 78-53 exhibition loss against Division I Marquette.

"It was fun to watch her in that game," Ballard said. "She scored with her midrange game, she scored in transition, she scored off dribble drives."

Ballard will also rely heavily on his freshman class. Forward Michelle McDonald played 23 minutes and Natalie Taylor and Afton Glander each played extensive minutes off the bench in the Marquette game.

Winona State will play two more exhibition games against D-I opponents. Wednesday they travel to Northern Iowa, and Saturday they take on Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Ballard hopes playing the three exhibition games will help his team come playoff time.

"We want to make the national tournament," Ballard said. "Our seniors have earned the right to play in the national tournament."

The Warriors were picked to finish fourth in the NSIC, behind Augustana, Wayne State and defending champions Concordia-St. Paul.

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Get to know the Warriors: WSU soccer player Heidi Woerle

By Chandler MacLean
Winonan

(Eds. note: "Get to know the Warriors" features one-on-one interviews with WSU athletes. Winonan sports editor Chandler MacLean spoke with soccer defender Heidi Woerle for this week's edition.)

Winonan: What has it been like to go on a run like this your senior season?

Woerle: It's so exciting. It's kind of a culmination of the last four years. Obviously this is an elite program and it's really exciting just to be a part of a team that's doing so well. We're really putting it together. It kind of wraps up my college experience.

Winonan: As best as you can explain it, what brought you to where you are now, the preseason NSIC defensive player of the year?

Woerle: It's kind of funny. I actually didn't start playing sweeper until last year. I'd

broken my leg and we had so many midfielders, (coach Ali Omar) tried me at defense. My first game back from my broken leg we were playing at Drake. My sister plays for Drake and I played sweeper. It was kind of fun to mark her. It's kind of worked out as a place for me to be on the field.

Winonan: Take me through your surgeries.

Woerle: Oh man. Well I've had seven. I broke my leg, I've torn both ACLs, I've torn my meniscus and had my meniscus repaired twice and I've had screws in my ankles and my knees. I've had five (surgeries) at Winona State. I've only redshirted one year, and that was for my torn ACL.

Winonan: There's no way you can get used to having so many procedures.

Woerle: The funny thing is every time, I'm like, 'If I ever do something again I'm just going to hang it up.' But I've

just never been at that point where I was ready to hang it up. And every year I feel like I come back better and more fit. I can't see those girls playing knowing in my mind that I can



Woerle

still be out there with them. People might call me crazy, but I wouldn't trade the experience I'm having for the world. But I am starting

to feel more beat up. Sunday nights are pretty rough for me.

Winonan: Is it fair to say you have a mean streak?

Woerle: Yes, I know, I do have a very mean streak. But I'm not a mean person. I just have a lot of emotion running through my body when somebody hits one of my players. There's people you don't touch, my family and my teammates. If you touch my goalkeeper, I will take you

down. I can't help it. A girl on Concordia told one of my teammates she thought I was going to hit her. But I would never hit somebody. I just get in their face and let them know that next time you won't want to see what happens. There's never been a next time.

Winonan: I believe it... You have a really young team, do you guys do any freshmen hazing?

Woerle: We don't. Well, we do make the freshmen sing on the bus. Our first road trip, they all pick a song, they put their headphones on and they all sing on the bus. We hear their voice, but they don't hear what they're saying. It's pretty funny. But it's not hazing, I don't like that word 'hazing' because that sounds bad. But it's just a little freshmen tradition we do. But there's a lot of things, 'freshmen do this and freshmen do that,' but I don't think twice about it. You have to earn your stripes and you have to earn respect, and I think that's one

thing about the soccer team, we do have to earn respect. There's no hazing though.

Winonan: So who's the best singer in the freshmen class?

Woerle: Ann Cassidy (goalkeeper) had the funniest rendition of N'Sync's "Bye Bye Bye." She was hilarious. I wouldn't say it was great, it was just the funniest thing I've ever heard. She's the only one I can remember, it was so funny.

Winonan: Who's more intense on the soccer field, you or Amelia (Kasten)?

Woerle: Me and Amelia totally feed off each other and I love it. I have to be careful now that I have three red cards, so she kind of picks up the slack.

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ultimately winning the set 25-23 to prevent the match from going into a fifth set.

Rudi Balich led the Warriors with 12 kills. Kelsey Pennebaker, who has played sparingly throughout most of the season, came up big with 10 kills.

With the win, the Warriors improved to 7-8 in the NSIC and 8-15 overall. With five games left in the season, Winona State sits alone in eighth place in the conference, and with four out of the five teams they face standing lower than them in the standings, it has a good chance of moving up in the standings before the season ends.

Next weekend, the Warriors embark on a long road trip to Northern State (S.D.) and Mary (N.D.). The Warriors defeated both teams in three sets at home earlier this season.

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scoring opportunity waiting to happen. The future looks bright and it didn't take long to arrive.

"There's a lot of promise for the future," Omar said. "It's fun to watch those two."

All roads lead to rematch:

The Warriors needed overtime to defeat first-round opponent Upper Iowa 1-0 during the regular season. A win would set up a rematch with either Mary, who played the Warriors to their only tie, or Minnesota-Duluth, who the Warriors slipped past 1-0 in the regular season. Minnesota State-Mankato, the favorite to advance to the championship on the bottom half of the bracket, would like nothing better than to get another shot at the Warriors, who clinched a share of the conference title by eliminating the preseason favorite Mavericks from regular-season title contention.

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